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Girls' certified schools attached to the Madras Children's Aid Society.

* 112 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Mrs. M. N. Clubwalla): Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state when the Junior and Senior Girls' Certified Schools attached to the Madras Children's Aid Society evacuated to Tanjore in 1942 will be brought back to Madras?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The schools will be brought back to Madras as soon as the Civil Supplies Department releases the rice godown which is right in the centre of the compound in which the schools were originally accommodated or when suitable alternative accommodation is found for those schools, whichever is earlier."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether Government will take steps to expedite the transfer by finding suitable accommodation?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I will try my best to do so because I have been told that the place where the school is situate is cramped and what is more the girls do not like the climate of Tanjore and so it is up to us to see that they come back here. Of course there is also the difficulty concerning the Civil Supplies as well."

Alleged supplies to Revenue officials.

* 113 *Q.*—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Revenue officials touring in districts get supplies from the lower Revenue officials, such as Revenue Inspectors, etc.;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the cost of supplies is not fully paid up, but a nominal bill is prepared and that alone is paid;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that these officials get their travelling allowances and halting allowances in addition to their salaries and dearness allowances;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the generality of the Revenue Inspectors shift this burden on the village officers who in their turn press the poorer class of the ryots in the village for payment; and

(*e*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Some touring officials make their own arrangements for obtaining provisions without depending on the village officers or lower Revenue officials; others however may indent on their subordinates for supplies where they are not procurable in the open market.

" (*b*) Under the existing rules, every Government officer obtaining the assistance of the village headmen for supplies is required to see that the bill for supplies is paid in full before he leaves the camp.